



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Housing: Question on Vehicles Available (H-12)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT VEHICLES AVAILABLE

- The Department of Health and Human Services uses these data to designate health professional shortage areas and populations with shortages of personal health services, based on health status and access to health services.
- The Department of Transportation (DOT) uses these data to comply with the Clean Air Act and to implement regulations.
- DOT also uses these data to plan and design transit service and facilities for elderly and disabled individuals.
- Environmental agencies and organizations use these data to analyze energy consumption and forecast energy needs.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

12 How many automobiles, vans, and trucks of one-ton capacity or less are kept at home for use by members of this household?

☐ None

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5

☐ 6 or more

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLES AVAILABLE DATA

- Highway Safety Act
- Public Health Service Act
- Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)

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HISTORY OF THE VEHICLES AVAILABLE QUESTION

- The question on vehicles available has been asked since 1960.
- The question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

Vehicles available describes, for each household, the number of passenger cars, vans, and trucks of one-ton capacity or less kept at home and available for the use of household members. Increased traffic congestion over the past decade makes this item even more important for planning highways, parking sites, and travel routes.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at:

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